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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (CORRECTION PARA ONE)

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, GR

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE LIMITED POST-HOMEPORTING USE OF  
ELEFSIS PIER

REF: ATHENS 5101

1. BELOW IS THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED INFORMAL "TALKING"  
PAPER THE AMBASSADOR PROPOSES TO HAND TO FONMIN BITSIOS  
(REFTEL). THE PROPOSED NUMBER OF VISITS AND DURATION OF THE  
TRANSITIONAL PERIOD ARE THE MAXIMUM WE BELIEVE THE GOG WOULD  
CONSIDER IN LIGHT OF THEIR CONSISTENTLY NEGATIVE STAND ON  
CONTINUED US USE OF THE PIER. ALTHOUGH THE ARRANGEMENT WE

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ENVISION IS A TACIT AGREEMENT ON LIMITED USE OF THE PIER

FOR AN INTERIM PERIOD, WE BELIEVE--AND HOPE THE NAVY ADDRESSEES AGREE--THAT THIS WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO TOTAL TERMINATION OF ANY POSSIBILITY OF PIER USE IN AN ATMOSPHERE WHERE OTHER SHIP VISITS DO NOT YET SEEM POSSIBLE. WE URGE THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND DOD APPROVE THIS TEXT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY NOT LATER THAN OOB JULY 11 IN ORDER TO ENABLE US TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS SLIGHT OPENING FOR POSSIBLE CONTINUED USE OF THE PIER AT ELEFSIS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE ELEFSIS PIER PROVIDES A VALUABLE MEANS TO HELP SUSTAIN THE PRESENCE OF THE SIXTH FLEET IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. IT ALSO FOSTERS A CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT MINOR AND MAJOR REPAIR WORK, INCLUDING THAT DONE IN GREEK SHIPYARDS. USE OF THIS PIER FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF SHIP VISITS AFTER THE HOMEPORTING PROGRAM IS TERMINATED AND WHILE THE ULTIMATE DISPOSITION OF THE PIER IS BEING STUDIED WOULD APPEAR TO SERVE BOTH GREEK AND US INTERESTS. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO PERMIT THE US NAVY'S CONTINUED USE OF THE PIER FOR AN INTERIM PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT, AND AFTER AN INTERVAL OF TWO MONTHS FROM THE DEPARTURE OF THE LAST HOMEPORTED UNIT, SHIP VISITS WOULD NOT EXCEED FIVE PER MONTH FOR THE ONE YEAR PERIOD. END TEXT  
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